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rogatives of his Majesty's Crown, than to the interests and feelings of his faithful, suffering, and insulted people.

"Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Wm. Powlett Powlett and Wm. Cobbett esquires, and the other sixty-nine Members for the part they respectively took in calling the Meeting, and for their conduct thereat.

"Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the High Sheriff, for his readiness in convening the same, and for the impartiality with which he presided.

Resolved unanimously, that these resolutions be signed by the sheriff, in the name, and on behalf of the meeting, and that the same be printed and published in the county papers, and in the Statesman, the Morning Chronicle, the Times, and the Courier London newspapers; and that the Sheriff be requested to forward the vote of thanks to Gwyllym Lloyd Wardle, esq.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
JOHN BLACKBURN, sheriff."

To those Resolutions, as well as the following, and the many others, which our limits would not allow us to insert, Colonel Wardle returned handsome replies, in constitutional language expressed with firmness and noble independence.

A JUST TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WARDLE.

As a wish has been very generally expressed by the inhabitants of this city and its neighbourhood, that Colonel G. L. WARDLE, M. P. should be publicly acknowledged for his present arduous undertaking, an opportunity will be afforded them of doing so, by subscribing an Address to that independent member of the British Parliament, of which the tenor follows:

We, hereunto subscribing, inhabitants of the city and suburbs of Glasgow, hereby testify our unbiassed and unprejudiced opinion—That Colonel Wardle, by first stepping forward, and by his conduct throughout the whole of the investigation now pending in the Honourable the House of Commons relative to his Royal Highness the Duke of York, has proved himself to the world, to be one of the most magnanimous, patriotic, firm, and candid men in his Majesty's dominions.

All those who wish to mark and distinguish the conduct of this intrepid and persevering Representative of the People and who concur in the plain and obvious sentiment contained in the above address, will have an opportunity of joining in expressing it, by signing subscription-pa-

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pers, which will be opened for that purpose on Thursday first.

Glasgow, March 15th, 1809.

GLASGOW NEWS-PAPERS, AND
COLONEL WARDLE.

The Public are respectfully informed, that the Committee conducting the Address to Colonel Wardle, made application to the Publishers of the Herald, Courier, and Western Star, requesting them to insert the former hand-bill, but for reasons, best known to themselves, it was refused.

The Committee have, therefore, no choice, but to address the Public, through the medium of this bill, intimating, that the subscription will FINALLY CLOSE ON MONDAY the 20th current.

It is expected, therefore, that all those who believe that "Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any People," and who wish to avert those public calamities, with which nations, for their crimes, are always visited, will not neglect this opportunity of endeavouring to stem the torrent of corruption and public vice, which just now threatens to overwhelm the land, by testifying their approbation of a British Senator, who has stood forward almost alone and unassisted, to grapple with Immorality in the plenitude of its power, and in its most hideous and degrading form.

Glasgow, March 18th, 1809.

However great the disadvantages were, under which the Committee laboured, from the Newspapers refusing the advertisements, and many other discouragements thrown in the way, by officious, ignorant, and contemptible individuals, in six days, 4500 persons subscribed the Address.

No time was lost in getting it forwarded to London, where it was sent to the charge of the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Falkstone, with a request that his Lordship would have the goodness to present it to Colonel Wardle. A letter, of which the following is a copy, accompanied the Address.

G. L. WARDLE, Esq.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward you an Address from a considerable portion of the inhabitants of this city and suburbs, who, animated with a spark of that independence of mind which shines so conspicuously in your character, felt themselves called upon to give this public testimony of the high estimation in which they hold your parliamentary conduct, and their unequivocal approbation of the constitutional, manly, and candid manner, in which you brought forward, and carried on the investigation relative to

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his Royal Highness the Duke of York. We hesitate not to express it as our opinion, that you have, in every respect, shown yourself worthy of the honourable appellation of an *Independent British Senator*; an appellation, Sir, that will be coupled with your name, and that of your noble supporters in this inquiry, while the annals of Britain remain.

To you, Sir, who have so nobly struck corruption at its source, and in spite of every difficulty and prejudice, so firmly stood forward to stem its torrent; to your honourable friends, Lord Folkestone, Sir Francis Burdett, Samuel Whitbread, esq. and to the other worthy and independent Representatives of the People, who have supported you on this occasion, we are indebted for having shown us, that we have a constitution worthy of being preserved; the latent energies of which, when called into action by a faithful Representative, can shake power, however great, and subject to investigation the official conduct and administration of the highest Officer in the State.

Great as the difficulties may have been which you had to encounter in your arduous undertaking, we think it necessary to state, that in conducting this Address we also have had our share of these to overcome, as the following brief narrative of facts will show.

A public meeting was proposed among a few of our citizens, for the purpose of moving this Address, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the Lord Provost, to obtain his consent to the measure. A decided negative, however, was given to our proposal. Being thus disappointed, we determined to persevere, but were compelled to adopt the more silent, but no less efficacious mode of opening subscription papers in different parts of the city. Even this was attempted to be rendered as ineffectual as possible, by the publishers of the Newspapers here, refusing to insert our Advertisement, affording a melancholy proof of the undue influence exercised over that palladium of our liberties—the press—and leaving to us the alternative only, of calling forth the public attention, by a liberal distribution of posting and hand bills.

In the face of all these impediments, and many more little indirect tricks which have been played off, and no small share, even of obloquy and reproach, nay of *democracy and sedition*, the committee conducting this address are proud to say, that in six days at least 4000 inhabitants have voluntarily annexed their signatures.

This address, sir, we now beg leave to present to you, through the medium of

that worthy nobleman Lord Folkestone, as the voluntary and unbiassed conviction of our minds; under the impression, that the approbation of 4000 of your fellow-subjects will not be rejected. It contains, sir, the genuine signatures of those whose hands are unsullied with the public plunder, and to such, headed by patriots like you, our much-abused country must look for its safety, in the hour of danger.

Though you, sir, have already done much, and we are induced to believe, from your bright example, that yet there is hope, that the corruption and abuses which have so long existed, and preyed on the vitals of our country, will be checked and removed; and that vice and immorality, will, as ashamed, be made to hide their heads—yet much remains to be done. Persevere, then, sir, in the glorious course you have begun, and that you may long remain an ornament to your country, and a blessing to generations yet unborn, is the sincere wish of, most respectfully,

In the name, and by order of
the Committee, Sir,

Your most obedient,
Glasgow, And very humble servant,
March 24, 1809. ROBERT HASTIE.

ADDRESS OF THE INHABITANTS OF PAISLEY.

Sir,

I have the honour of transmitting, through the medium of Sir Francis Burdett, bart. an Address subscribed by upwards of Four Thousand Four Hundred Inhabitants of the Town and Vicinity of Paisley, who are anxious to contribute the little in their power to the numerous marks of approbation you are receiving from a grateful country, and which is so highly merited by you, for that noble instance of zeal for the public welfare which you displayed, in the face of no common opposition, in bringing forward undaunted and alone, the important charges against the late Commander-in-Chief, which, we trust, will be followed by salutary effects to our suffering Country.

We also, with peculiar pleasure, congratulate you on the support received from Sir Francis Burdett, Lord Folkestone, and Samuel Whitbread, esq. in the progress of that memorable and important Inquiry. We, Sir, do indulge the hope, that this service is only an earnest of the advantages this nation will yet derive from the combined efforts of the One Hundred and Twenty-Five honourable and independent Representatives who so faithfully adhered to the cause of their Country. Go on Sir, in the brilliant course in which you have entered, by endeavouring to detect and expose injustice and corruption, in whatever department of the State it may be found; never induced, by the opposition